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SOUVENIR OF

Waterville

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Season's Greetings
E. J. Bogie

Containing views of the leading

RESIDENCES, FACTORIES and the

SURROUNDING SCENERY

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WATERVILLE the subject of this publication is situated on the Coaticooke river three miles above its junction with the Massawippi and is on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway. The village was previously called Smith's Mills named from their owner Mr. Hollis Smith, who afterwards became the Hon. Hollis Smith. At an earlier date it was called Hollister's Mills, or the "Hollow", Ball's Mills, when owned by James Ball, but it was first known as Pennoyer's Falls, because Squire Pennoyer erected the first grist mill on the Coaticooke River about the year 1812.

On the north side of the river Messrs. Brooks and Smith had a large boarding house for their workmen, which afterwards became a hotel. For a great number of years the manufacturing industries of the town were controlled by Brooks and Smith, namely the Hon. Hollis Smith, and Samuel Brooks, M. P. P. Senator Cochrane, when a young man clerked in a store kept by Mr. Kennedy, which was situated on the same site as the one now owned by Mr. C. O. Peterson.

The Waterville Post Office, was established September, 6th. 1852 and the Post-masters have been successively, F. Webster, G. White, Israel Wood, B. A. Haskell, Charles Brooks and the present post-master L. W. Wyman, who was appointed in 1867, the duties of which position he has discharged with faithfullness and general satisfaction. Mr. Wyman has been identified with all the progressive movements which has placed Waterville, in the enviable position which she holds to-day among other villages of the Townships. Mr Wyman, enjoys the honour of having been the first Mayor of Waterville, since when he has held many other public positions of trust.

On the morning of the 30th. of July, 1898, Waterville, by a disastrous conflagration lost a considerable number of her industries, but nevertheless, it is still the home of the greatest spring bed factory in the world, the firm of Geo. Gale & Sons, manufacturers of Iron and Brass Beds and Spring mattresses. The zeal and perseverence of the gentlemen who have had control of this business for the past twenty years, has been amply rewarded, by the realization of the extensive trade which to-day they hold in the commerical world.

The Dominion Snath Company, of Sherbrooke, recently located in Waterville, and carries on a large business in the manufacture of Scythe Snaths, Rakes and Cradels. The famous Norton Jacks are also manufactured in the machine shop owned by R. O. Hopkinson.

Waterville has two churches, St. John's Episcopal, and the Congregational. The Rev. R. C. Tambs, M. A. is rector of the former and the Rev. G. H. Craik, B. A. pastor of the latter. Waterville, Model School enjoyed the honour of holding second position among other schools of the province for a considerable time.

Mr C. O. Swanson, member of the Department of the Interior, having control of the branch of Scandinavian emigration, who has met with such phenomenal success in the discharge of his duties in the North-west has his home in Waterville. A half-tone of Mr. Swanson's residence appears on another page of the Souvenir, also a half-tone of Mr. Swanson.

Francis Gilbert Gale, the mayor, has for a great number of years, been closely identified with the prosperity of the town. Mr. Gale, was born in Stanstead, near Smith's Mills, Que., June, 12th. 1855. He is a son of the late Geo. Gale inventor and patentee of the

Dominion Wire Mattress. By a recent arrangement with his brother Mr. A. H. Gale he owns entirely the American business, the Birmingham house going to Mr. A. H. Gale Both the English and American houses although they have entirely severed their connection with one another are still known under the name and style of Geo. Gale & Sons, which may be considered a slight tribute to the gentleman who first placed on the market the celebrated New Dominion Mattress. The firm of Geo. Gale & Sons both English and American feel deeply indebted to the late Sir Lawson Tait, Bart., Physician in Ordinary to Her Majesty the Queen, for the many improvements and kind suggestions which he has offered, and owing to which to a great extent the Institution mattress trade of Europe and America, has been founded.

The farming community is represented by Mr. A. F. Baile, a young Montreal gentleman who has recently purchased the farm of Mr. Thos. Armstrong. The handsome residence and farm of the late Jas. McIntosh Esq. has passed into the hands of Wm. Clark, his nephew, by whom it is now carried on. Standing on a commanding prominence about ¾ of a mile north of Waterville, is the neat home and farm of Messrs. R. & J. Johnston. Among the manufacturing industries and stores mention might be made of the general store of Mr. C. O. Peterson, which certainly does credit both to Mr. Peterson, and the town. The temperance hotel under the proprietorship of Mr. H. T. Sunbury elicits general satisfaction from those fortunate enough to enjoy its hospitality. The steam yacht "Cecil" owned by Mr. Wm. Sprigings, affords an opportunity of enjoying the unrivalled scenery of the Coaticooke River.

Conspicuous among the neat and tasty homes for which Waterville is noted may be mentioned "Mapleside" the residence of Mr. J. R. Ball, "Loch Gael" the residence of Mayor F. G. Gale, the residence of Mr. W. H. Ward, Mrs. James McIntosh, Mr. E. A. Bishop, Mr. L. W. Wyman, Mr. J. H. Osgood, Mr. W. Somerville, Rev. G. H. Craik B. A. Pastor of the Congregational Church, Councillor James McGovern. and Councillor M. L. Hodgson.

Among the half-tone portraits are photographic reproductions of Philip Colquhoun, B. A., M. D., a young physician who has recently located here and who already has an extensive practice. Mr. W. H. Ward, general manager of Geo. Gale & Sons, Bed Works, to whose business ability may be attributed to a great extent the phenomenal growth of the firm. Mr. David Johnston Councillor. Mr. R. D. Turner, Western representative. Mr. A. W. Coleman, Central representative, and Mr. J. J. Crowley, Eastern representatives, of Geo. Gale & Sons.

There are certain advantages that Waterville possesses, which immediately recommends it to capitalists and manufacturers as a desirable place to locate. About a half a mile below the town in the gorge of the Coaticooke River is water power sufficient to drive the wheels of many factories also to generate electricity for lighting and other purposes. This power is yet undeveloped and awaits the action of some enterprising company or individual to realize its value. The beautiful scenery in and about Waterville offers many attractions both to the tourist and sportsman.

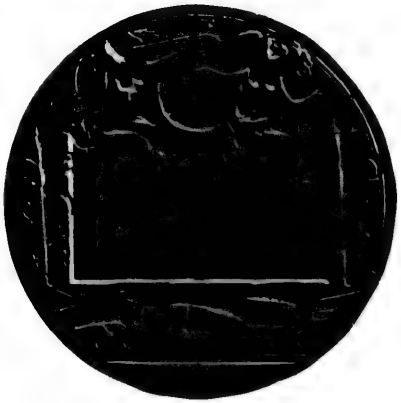
Coaticooke River from Jas. Powers Grove

BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF THE VILLAGE OF WATERVILLE.

MAIN ST. LOOKING NORTH

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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WATERVILLE MODEL SCHOOL.

MR. F. G. GALE

LOCK GAEL

RESIDENCF OF F. G. GALE

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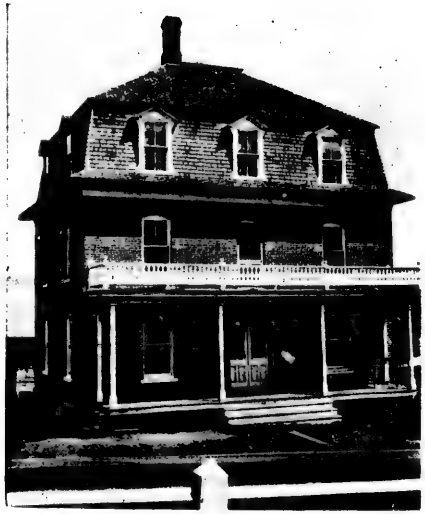
ENTRANCE AND RESIDENCE OF MR. J. R BALL.



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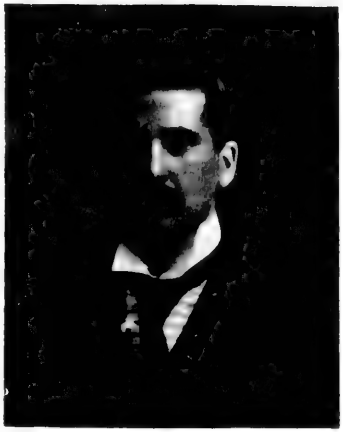
MR. C. O. PETERSON'S STORE



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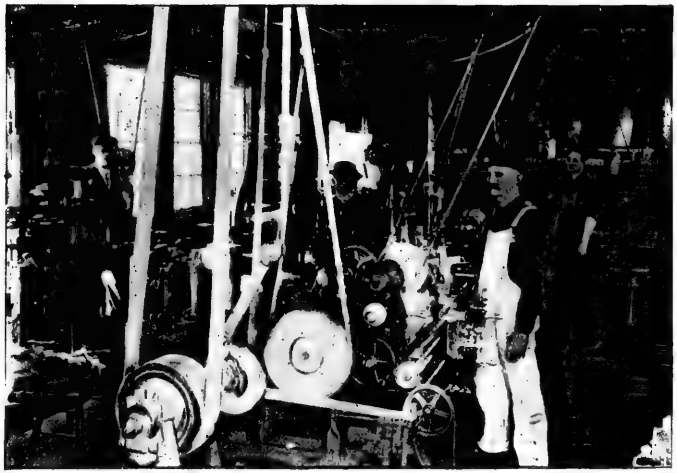
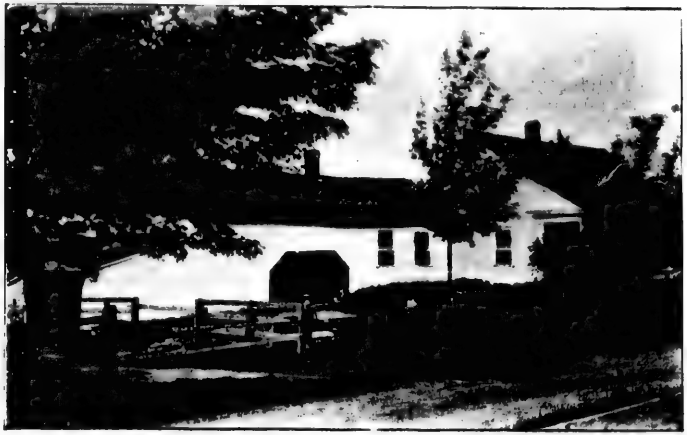


MACHINE SHOP OF MR. R. O. HOPKINSON

MR. DAVID JOHNSTON and RESIDENCE



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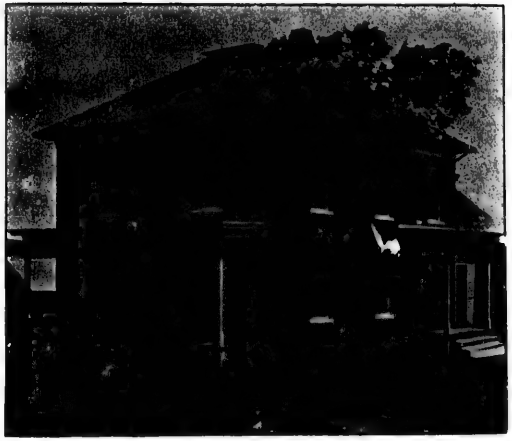

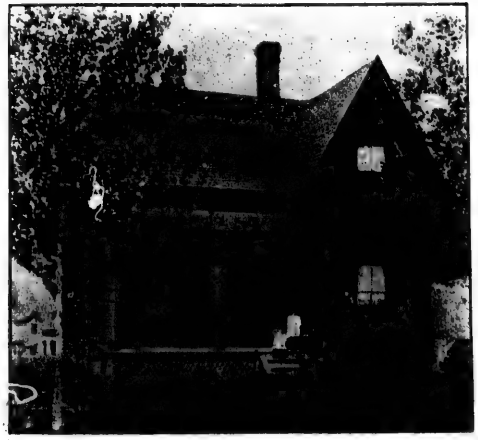

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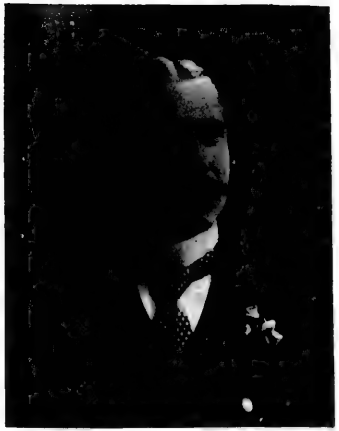

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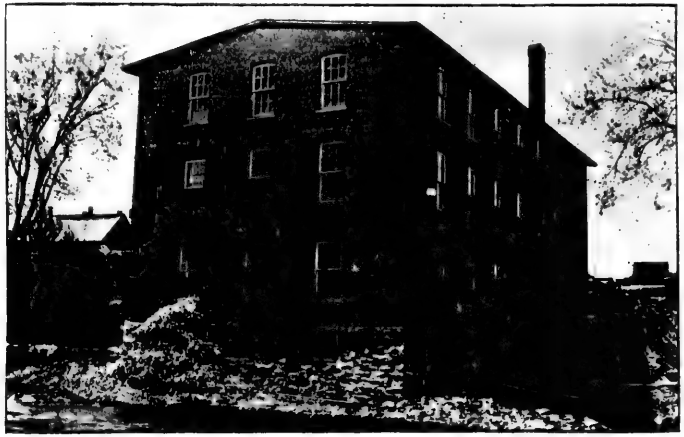

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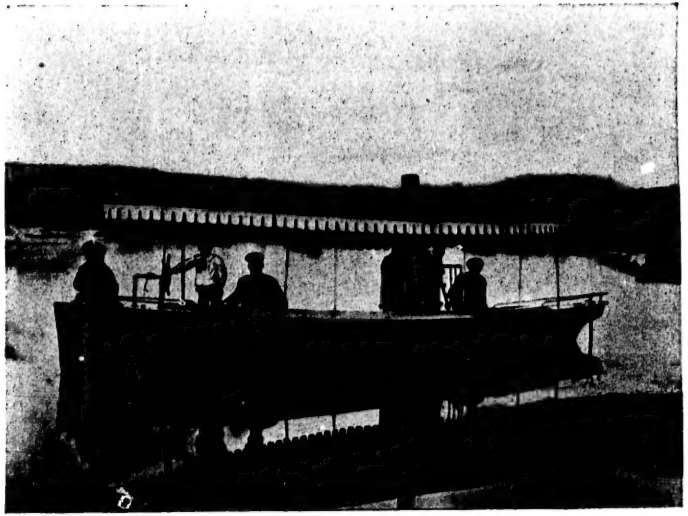

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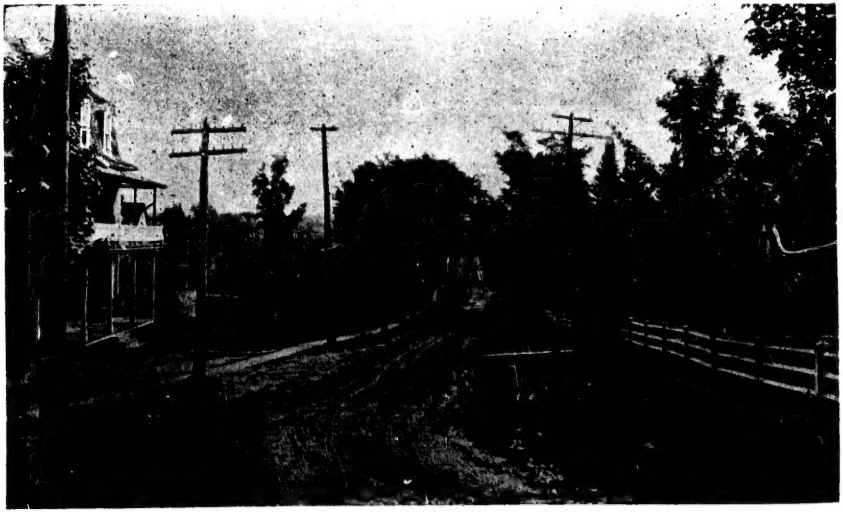
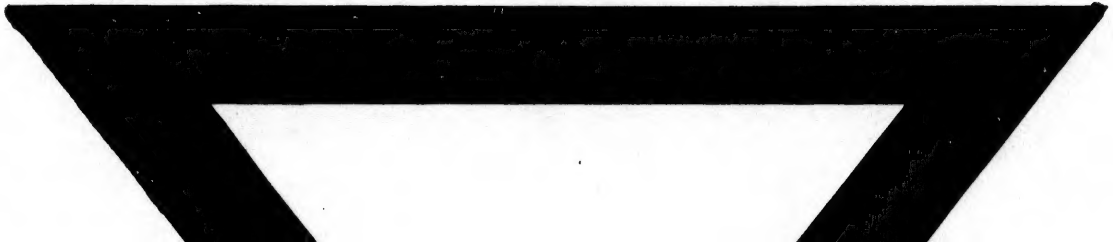
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